



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

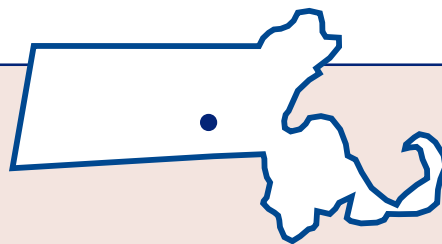
*Main South Community
Development Corporation,
Worcester, MA*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Main South Community Development Corporation was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The project involves collaboration with Clark University, the Boys & Girls Club, and the City of Worcester on a site in an area with an industrial history spanning more than 70 years. The target site will be converted into a Boys & Girls Club and athletic fields, which will serve the neighborhood's disadvantaged population. The site is a key element of the Gardner-Kilby-Hammond Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project, which also includes construction of energy-efficient homes to be sold to first-time home-buyers. The restored neighborhood is envisioned as a catalyst for redevelopment of neighboring industrial areas. The 12,500 residents of



Cleanup Grants

**New
2003**

\$50,300 for hazardous substances

\$149,700 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Main South Community Development Corporation for cleanup grants totaling \$200,000. The cleanup grants will target five parcels in the 7.8-acre Gardner-Kilby-Hammond Street project containing a former foundry, metal fabrication shop, and auto detailing and repair shops. The buildings are vacant, and metals, paint, solvents, and petroleum contaminate the site.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Main South Community Development Corporation, MA

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Main South Community Development Corporation has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

this densely populated, ethnically diverse, state-designated Environmental Justice community will be involved in the project through block group meetings, media outreach, a multi-language newsletter, and neighborhood forums.